

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A conveyor assembly includes a plurality of idler pulleys over which a belt rolls. The idler pulleys are journaled in bearings in side walls of the conveyor assembly. The pulley includes a generally cylindrical center portion or shaft and a stub shaft that is removably mounted to end walls at each end of the pulley shaft. Each stub shaft has a radially disposed flange that is used to removably secure to the stub shaft to the pulley shaft. Additionally, at least one of the bearings for each idler pulley is mounted in an access panel. The access panel is removably mounted to the conveyor side wall and is sized and shaped, such that when they are removed from the conveyor side wall, the pulley stub shaft can be easily reached in order to be removed from the pulley, and the pulley itself can be easily removed from the conveyor, for repair or replacement.